

# CHELTENHAM QUAKER

## NOVEMBER 2008

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### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

**Cheltenham:** Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. Fifth Sunday shared lunch.

Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:00 Meeting for Worship, followed on First and Third Thursdays (6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) by shared lunch.

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### DIARY

(All of these meetings at the FMH unless otherwise stated)

#### October

Su 19 11.30 **Meeting for Learning.** "Quaker Testimonies" led by Tim Howarth and Keith Oakey

Th 23 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

Sa 25 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00

Th 30 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

#### November

Su 2 11.30 **Local Meeting**

Mo 3 8.00 **Christians at Work** at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church. Speaker Bishop Patrick Harris on "Bishop's Business"

We 5 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome

Th 6 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 6 2.30 **The Searchers** at Elaine Boulter's home. Topic: "How does God Speak to You?"

Su 9 12.00 **Area Meeting** at Cirencester FMH. (Meeting for Worship at 10.30)

Su 9 7.00 **Circle Dancing**

Tu 11 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve

Th 13 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

Su 16 11.30 **Meeting for Learning.** "Our Quaker Testimonies"

Th 20 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch.

Sa 22 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00

Th 27 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

#### December

Mo 1 8.00 **Christians at Work** at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church. Speaker: Revd. Sandra Miller on "Marketing to Mission"

We 3 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome.

Th 4 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Tu 9 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve

Th 11 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

Su 14 7.00 **Circle Dancing**

Th 18 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

### **Christians at Work, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.00 at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church**

The Speaker this month is Bishop Patrick Harris on “Bishop’s Business”, who went to Northern Argentina with the South American Mission Society soon after ordination. He lived and worked initially among the Wichi Indians, and eventually became Bishop of Northern Argentina. After 17 years he returned to England, and on his retirement in 1999 the family settled in Cheltenham.

Roy Crompton

#### **Notes from Local Meeting:**

Nominations Committee: John Cross reminded Friends that we are still seeking a Treasurer. The role is not overly difficult and the Treasurer is supported by a team. Philip Paull, the current Treasurer, would be happy to act as a mentor to the new Treasurer.

Area Meeting had asked that Local Meeting should appoint a Trustee to serve on the Trustee body, and Elders had been asked to look into this.

Arrangements for Christmas 2008: It was agreed that the Meeting House would be open for a half hour Meeting for Worship on 25 December if people wished. A sign up sheet will be posted on the Notice Board, and the group will then make its own arrangements for opening the Meeting House. The 12.30 Thursday Meeting for Worship will not take place.

It was agreed to hold our usual celebration with carols and readings on Sunday, 21 December from 6 to 8 pm. Maureen Steffen and Margot Roe will organise the event.

Procedures for arranging *Friends’ Events* in the Meeting House: It was agreed that Overseers and others who wished to organise events for Friends in the Meeting House would only need to check the availability of the premises with Ian Brighton (Lettings Officer) and inform Local Meeting of their proposed event.

John Cross



**POSITIVE JUSTICE**  
**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm.

Oxstalls Campus, University of Gloucestershire, GL2 9HW.

(near junction of A38, Estcourt Rd., and B4063, Cheltenham Rd.)

**Crime and punishment –  
where's the justice?**

Speaker:

- ❖ **Erwin James**, Guardian columnist, author of 'A life inside,'

(<http://erwinjames.co.uk/biog.html>)

- ❖ Chair: county councillor Brian Oosthuysen

Followed by panel discussion – panel to include:

- ❖ Bishop of Tewkesbury
- ❖ Andrew Neilson - Assistant Director, Howard League for penal reform
- ❖ Jill Saward - rape victim and campaigner
- ❖ Nigel Whiskin - MBE, associate director, *Restorative solutions*

**Free Admission**

Free parking

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ALL WELCOME